

ASSURING BEST OUTCOMES FOR THE PATIENT: THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

STATEMENT OF NEED

We work long and hard to treat our patients effectively. In that effort, we often fail to focus on the big picture – what services would be best for the patient at a given time. Among other things we focus on issues related to our specialty, e.g., the psychiatrist and pharmacist on the right medication, the social worker on social supports, the nurse on total healthcare, the therapist on the right form of psychotherapy, the administrator on costs, the housing specialists on living arrangements, the rehabilitation specialist on the right type(s) of programming. The case manager might focus on the coordination of these services, but often, even that person is caught up in crisis intervention. At the end of the day, if we are not careful, our best efforts are fragmented, and as a result, our patients do not get the optimum care that we could deliver. Antipsychotic medications are a powerful contributor to good outcomes, but in the absence of a coordinated, multi-system approach, even they will not be as successful as they can be. In this psychLINK™ program, Dr. Robert Liberman, an internationally renowned psychiatrist and expert in the total approach to the patient will critique, via patient examples, the best ways to assure coordinated treatment.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, the participant should be able to:

- Recognize what levels of care go with what stages of a patient's illness.
- Appraise a multi-system approach in an individual patient.
- Identify ways to strengthen the impact of antipsychotic medications in our patients.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Physicians, Pharmacists and Nurses

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